

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A program storage device readable by a computer, the program storage
2 device tangibly embodying one or more programs of instructions executable by the
3 computer to perform operations for determining when to perform an error recovery
4 instruction, the operations comprising:
5 receiving an error recovery instruction;
6 beginning a timeout task;
7 monitoring processor status to determine a time to perform the error recovery
8 instruction; and
9 performing the error recovery instruction when the monitoring determines a
10 time for performing the error recovery.

1 2. The program storage device of claim 1 further comprising forcing an
2 execution of the error recovery instruction when the timeout task expires before the
3 monitoring determines a time to perform the error recovery instruction.

1 3. The program storage device of claim 2 further comprising resuming
2 normal operations after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 4. The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the monitoring
2 processor status to determine a time to perform the error recovery instruction further
3 comprises:
4 monitoring a processor interface for an idle condition;
5 withholding access to the processor interface when the idle condition is
6 detected;
7 after access to the processor interface is withheld, interrogating all data transfer
8 paths to determine when all the data paths are idle; and
9 identifying the time to perform the error recovery instruction when all data
10 transfer paths are idle.

1 5. The program storage device of claim 4 further comprising resuming
2 normal operations after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 6. The program storage device of claim 1 further comprising resuming
2 normal operations after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 7. A program storage device readable by a computer, the program storage
2 device tangibly embodying one or more programs of instructions executable by the
3 computer to perform operations for determining when to perform an error recovery
4 instruction, the operations comprising:
5 receiving an error recovery instruction;
6 monitoring processor status to determine a time to perform the error recovery
7 instruction; and
8 performing the error recovery instruction when the monitoring determines a
9 time for performing the error recovery.

1 8. The program storage device of claim 7 further comprising beginning a
2 timeout task after receiving the error recovery instruction and forcing an execution of
3 the error recovery instruction when the timeout task expires before the monitoring
4 determines a time to perform the error recovery instruction.

1 9. The program storage device of claim 8 further comprising resuming
2 normal operations after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 10. The program storage device of claim 7, wherein the monitoring
2 processor status to determine a time to perform the error recovery instruction further
3 comprises:
4 monitoring a processor interface for an idle condition;
5 withholding access to the processor interface when the idle condition is
6 detected;
7 after access to the processor interface is withheld, interrogating all data transfer
8 paths to determine when all the data paths are idle; and
9 identifying the time to perform the error recovery instruction when all data
10 transfer paths are idle.

1 11. The program storage device of claim 10 further comprising resuming
2 normal operations after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 12. The program storage device of claim 7 further comprising resuming
2 normal operations after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 13. An apparatus for quiescing processor control logic upon receipt of an
2 error recovery instruction, comprising:
3 self-quiesce logic, coupled to the timer, the self-quiesce logic receiving an error
4 recovery instruction; and
5 a timer for determining when to force execution of the error recovery
6 instruction;
7 wherein the self-quiesce logic initiates the timer when the error recovery
8 instruction is received, begins to monitor processor status to determine a time to
9 perform the error recovery instruction and performs the error recovery instruction when
10 the monitoring determines a time for performing the error recovery.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the self-quiesce logic forces an
2 execution of the error recovery instruction when the timer expires before the self-
3 quiesce logic determines a time to perform the error recovery instruction.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the self-quiesce logic allows
2 resuming normal operations after the error recovery instruction is performed.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the self-quiesce logic monitors
2 processor status to determine a time to perform the error recovery instruction by
3 monitoring a processor interface for an idle condition, withholding access to the
4 processor interface when the idle condition is detected, after access to the processor
5 interface is withheld, interrogating all data transfer paths to determine when all the data
6 paths are idle and identifying the time to perform the error recovery instruction when
7 all data transfer paths are idle.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the self-quiesce logic allows
2 resuming normal operations after the error recovery instruction is performed.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the self-quiesce logic allows
2 resuming normal operations after the error recovery instruction is performed.

1 19. An apparatus for quiescing processor control logic upon receipt of an
2 error recovery instruction, comprising:
3 a processor for executing instructions; and
4 self-quiesce logic, coupled to the processor, the self-quiesce logic detecting an
5 error recovery instruction, wherein the self-quiesce logic monitors processor status to
6 determine a time to perform the error recovery instruction and performs the error
7 recovery instruction when the monitoring determines a time for performing the error
8 recovery.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising a timer for determining
2 when to abort the monitoring of processor status and data path activity and cause an
3 execution of the error recovery instruction.

1 21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the self-quiesce logic causes normal
2 operations to be resumed after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the self-quiesce logic monitors
2 processor status to determine a time to perform the error recovery instruction by
3 monitoring a processor interface for an idle condition, withholding access to the
4 processor interface when the idle condition is detected, after access to the processor
5 interface is withheld, interrogating all data transfer paths to determine when all the data
6 paths are idle and identifying the time to perform the error recovery instruction when
7 all data transfer paths are idle.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the self-quiesce logic causes normal
2 operations to be resumed after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 24. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the self-quiesce logic causes normal
2 operations to be resumed after performing the error recovery instruction.

1 25. A method for determining when to perform an error recovery
2 instruction, comprising:
3 receiving an error recovery instruction;
4 beginning a timeout task;
5 monitoring processor status to determine a time to perform the error recovery
6 instruction; and
7 performing the error recovery instruction when the monitoring determines a
8 time for performing the error recovery.

1 26. A method for determining when to perform an error recovery
2 instruction, comprising:
3 receiving an error recovery instruction;
4 monitoring processor status to determine a time to perform the error recovery
5 instruction; and
6 performing the error recovery instruction when the monitoring determines a
7 time for performing the error recovery.

1 27. An apparatus for quiescing processor control logic upon receipt of an
2 error recovery instruction, comprising:
3 means for receiving an error recovery instruction; and
4 means for determining when to force execution of the error recovery instruction;
5 wherein the means for receiving the error recovery instruction initiates the timer
6 when the error recovery instruction is received, begins to monitor processor status to
7 determine a time to perform the error recovery instruction and performs the error
8 recovery instruction when a time for performing the error recovery is determined.

1 28. An apparatus for quiescing processor control logic upon receipt of an
2 error recovery instruction, comprising:
3 means for executing instructions; and
4 means, coupled to the means for executing instructions, for detecting an error
5 recovery instruction, monitoring processor status to determine a time to perform the
6 error recovery instruction and performing the error recovery instruction when a time for
7 performing the error recovery is determined.